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## **Hungary**

### **Biotechnology**

# **Test of New GMO Plant Varieties Approved 2001**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**The Government of Hungary has approved field testing for herbicide resistant corn and wheat. Other environmental impact and feeding studies were also approved.**

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## **Tests of New GMO Varieties Approved in Hungary**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development has approved field testing for two new GMO plant varieties. The first is a herbicide resistant corn hybrid (Agrevo patent, T25 resistant) being planted at the Kiskun Research Center (a well known Hungarian corn breeder). The second variety is a herbicide resistant spring wheat (Monsanto/Bar gene) used for environmental and food risk research by the Szeged Grain Research Co. and the Central Food Research Institute, financed by a three year GOH grant.

In addition to these approvals, the government also gave approval for an environmental impact study for a pest resistant (Monsanto/BT) corn hybrid (to be conducted by OKO Co. Ltd) as well as an aquaculture/GMO corn feeding experiment (to be conducted by Attalai Hal Kft.).

## **Background on the Hungarian Approval Process**

In July 1998, Hungary passed the Act on Organisms Modified by Gene-technology (XXVII/1998). In early 1999, the Hungarian Parliament also approved the “application chapters” of the legislation (Decree No. 1/1999 FVM on the implementation of the rules of the Act XXVII of 1998 on Gene-technology in the agriculture and food industry). The legislation is based on EU directives but public opposition of biotechnology is minimal in Hungary. The full English text of this legislation may be requested from [nemesf@fas.usda.gov](mailto:nemesf@fas.usda.gov).

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